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SUBJECT: STATEMENT FOR OPIC 1974 ANNUAL REPORT

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1. DR. MUBASHIR HASAN WAS REPLACED ON OCTOBER 22 AS MINISTER OF FINANCE BY MR. MOHAMMAD HANIF. IN VIEW OF THIS CHANGE, WE SUGGEST OPIC CONSIDER DROPPING ITS PLAN TO INCLUDE A PAKISTAN STATEMENT IN ITS FY 1974 ANNUAL REPORT.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, EMBOFF TRIED TO CONTACT MUBASHIR HASAN'S OFFICE AND WAS INFORMED THAT HE AND HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT WERE OUT OF TOWN. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBOFF SOLICITED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MFA BUT THE MFA OFFICIAL CONCERNED PHONED THE EMBASSY TODAY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN THE CHANGE OF MINISTERS. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT.

3. WERE OPIC TO SEEK A STATEMENT FROM THE NEW FINANCE MINISTER, WE FEAR THIS WOULD TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO PROCURE, AND WOULD RISK MISSING PUBLICATION DEADLINE. FURTHERMORE, IT MIGHT APPEAR ODD TO SOME READERS IF THE REPORT INCLUDED A STATEMENT FROM A MINISTER WHO WAS NOT IN OFFICE DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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